



Buena Vista Trails Advisory Board
Public Works Building
March 1, 2011

Present: Roy Gertson, Shannon Haydin, Ed Eberle, Dick Scar, Fran Rulon-Miller, Rachel Friedman, Kathy Hoerlein
Guest: Ron Axel – Buena Vista Rotary Club member

1. Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. Feb. 1, 2011 Minutes approved as written.

Presentation: Ron Axel reported that the Rotary Club has received a community service grant and approached the Trails Advisory Board to consider their project to provide a 600' long paved walking/biking pathway on the west side of McPhelemy Park from the bridge along the lake to W. Main. Rachel also reported that repair on the dam would begin this summer. The paved surface would provide a safer, more stable surface and be ADA accessible. The heavily used current dirt surface has obstacles such as tree roots, uneven areas, mud when rainy and virtually impossible for the elderly and handicapped to use. Ron said the grant is for \$2,000 and has met with ACA and they will donate equipment and labor for 2-2 1/2 days. Ron suggested a 4' wide recycled asphalt path. Members did recommend a 5' wide path and a concrete surface which would more closely meet our minimum trail standards. Possibly we could ask for a matching grant from Town. Considerations were less maintenance, sustainability, stability, use of equipment on path, and more aesthetically matching the concrete path on the east side. Ron will talk with ACA about the cost of a concrete surface and connect with Rachel. Also mentioned was the option of an 8' wide crusher fines surface and the need to confer with DOW as they stock the lake. Rachel will also present this to the Rec Board. Members felt it's a great project, thanked him for the proposal and will have further discussion with him at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates:

- Status of subdivisions with relation to trail development – Shannon reported that she checked the Ludwig's Minor and it does say to move the fence on the right-of-way. Research is still needed for the recorded plat. The Rodeo Road Bypass will be constructed in the fall.
- Other trail development – DOC work – Roy has an 8-man DOC crew twice a week for this year. He is very pleased with the work getting done and has received nice comments on the staircases. The staircase south of the bridge ("Ed's" staircase) will have a reroute. Roy also has a crew the 3rd week of each month and they have been cleaning up dog poo. The next project is to remove plant material on the trail south of Ramsour and maybe extend it to 8' wide.
- Trail Memorial benches – Roy and Barb Wind researched other towns (Loveland, Boulder, Ft. Collins and Summit County) on how they handled their programs. Barb created a great brochure with guidelines, application and locations for the memorial bench program. Roy said the Beautification Board has looked at it and the Rec Board will also see it. Roy said the benches become Town property and reasonable efforts will be made for maintaining them. Roy will take to Town Council for approval. Fran felt DuMor was responsible and professional to work with.

- Volunteer Day for trail work & SWCC – Kathy read Lois’ report from her conversation with Julie Mach, Development Coordinator of Southwest Conservation Corp. The Corp does have an older group available for summer work. A 6-member crew with 2 leaders work 10-hour days for 9 days at a cost of \$6,000. She would be interested in attending a Trails meeting and working with us on a possible grant for future trail work. It was agreed to try for an April or May meeting.
- LSR/MRR update – Kathy gave a brief report on an e-mail from Alan Robinson. Good progress has been made in mapping the potential route and collecting landownership data. Next will be meetings with landowners.
- Town Ordinance re: dog excrement – Roy reported that there is a city ordinance and directed us to Art. VI Sec. 11-119 and Art. VI Sec. 7-121 and 136. For BLM land there’s no enforcement. Trail members feel enforcement on town trails is most important and want to pursue this ordinance. It was agreed that members go online and review the language in the above Sections and come back to the April meeting with recommendations.
- Dog stations along town trails – Members looked at some designs and costs for dog stations, some with receptacles attached. Ed will contact Jacki Sobczak of the Rotary Club to be on their agenda and attend the next meeting to address and work together on dog station designs/receptacles. Ed felt the Bark Valley Dog Club and Trout Unlimited would also be interested.

NEW BUSINESS

- Live Well Chaffee County grant for bike lanes – Rachel reported that Live Well has \$4 -5,000 for striping existing bike/ped lanes. She presented a map for members to rank preferences for connecting loops and improving safer routes for pedestrians and bikes in town. Our ranked preferences: 1. Cedar, Beldan, E. Main in front of the school – Court to Evans; 2. From Hwy 24 west on Crossman to Pleasant, south to W. Main; symbols and bike route signs on W. Main sections; 3. Pleasant to Sterling, east to Gunnison, south on Gunnison to Oak St. and west on Oak to San Juan St.; 4. Pleasant, east to Mill St. and on to parks.
- Monday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. is a community input meeting on planning a new town park at Rodeo Rd and Gregg Dr. at the Clearview Community Church. Members should attend if able as there would be trails within the 40-acre park plan.
- Barbara Whipple Trail drop-off – Kathy brought up an unsafe section of trail where a bike rider fell all the way down last year. It’s after one crosses the bridge to the east side and after the chain railing. Discussion followed and possible solutions mentioned were installing a railing below the trail surface or removing the “step” section. Roy will look into this and/or other possibilities.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2011 9:00 a.m. Public Works

Minutes submitted by Kathy Hoerlein